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NOTES AND QUERIES

FAIR CHARLOTTE. — The opening lines of this American traditional ballad are, —

“Fair Charlotte lived by the mountain-side,
In a wild and lonely spot,
No dwelling was for three miles round,
Beside her father's cot.”

The ballad is about a young woman who was frozen to death while riding fifteen miles in a sleigh to “a merry ball,” and is no doubt based on an actual incident. In connection with a study I am making of American ballads, I should be extremely grateful to any readers of this *Journal* who will send me any versions of the ballad (even fragments are desirable), whether from oral tradition, or copied from printed sources. Especially should I like information concerning the event itself. — *Phillips Barry*, 33 Ball St., Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM JONES. — On March 28 Dr. William Jones, whose studies of the Central Algonquin tribes had won for him marked recognition, died of wounds received in an attack by hostile natives in the northern part of the island of Luzon. Dr. Jones made his first studies of the folk-lore of the Sauk and Fox under the auspices of the American Folk-Lore Society, and published some of the results of his studies in this *Journal* under the titles “The Culture-Hero Tradition of the Sauk and Fox” (vol. xiv, 1901, pp. 225-239) and “The Concept of the Manitou” (vol. xviii, 1905, pp. 183-190). His researches covered all the aspects of the primitive life of the Algonquin, but he was able to publish only that part of the folk-lore of the tribe which he had collected in the original, with translations. These were published by the American Ethnological Society under the title “Fox Texts” (Leyden, E. J. Brill, 1907, 383 pages). Dr. Jones, who was himself a member of the Fox tribe, was able to write down these tales from the lips of the older members of his tribe, and his perfect command of the language allowed him to take the record without detaining the speakers by trying to follow their dictation. For this reason his texts belong to the best records of American folk-lore that are available. It is a matter of deep regret that it was not given to him to complete and publish his important studies on the Fox tribe. In later years, Dr. Jones carried on extended investigations for the Carnegie Institution, the results of which it is understood he left in such condition that they can be published. In him we lose a faithful and enthusiastic student, who promised to become one of the most fruitful contributors to the science of American folk-lore.

J. D. E. SCHMELTZ. — We regret to announce the death of Dr. J. D. E. Schmeltz, Director of the State Museum of Ethnography at Leyden, Holland. Dr. Schmeltz began his work in the Godeffroy Museum in Hamburg, whence he was called to Leyden in 1884 as assistant of Dr. Serrurier. Later on he became Director of the Museum, and the development of the collections during the last twenty years has been due to his untiring energies. He was the founder and editor of the “International Archives of Ethnography.”